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SUBJECT; US-USSR AGREEMENT ON HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION:  
MID-TERM ASSESSMENT FOR JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
(10.00)

REF: MOSCOW 12293

1. DEPARTMENT AND HUD APPRECIATE EMOASSY'S THOUGHTFUL REVIEW OF, AND COMMENTS ON, BILATERAL HOUSING AGREEMENT AS PROVIDED BY REFTEL. WE CONCUR WITH YOUR GENERAL EVALUATIONS OF WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES, AND YOUR SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION (REFTEL PARA 6A THROUGH F) ARE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. THEY WILL BE GIVEN CAREFUL ATTENTION.

2. WE ARE NOT, ;OWEVER, IN AGREEMENT WITH REFTEL'S  
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EMPHASIS ON USE OF TERMINATION OPTION AS LEVERAGE ON THE SOVIETS DURING FORTHCOMING JOINT COMMITTEE TALKS. AT THIS STAGE IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THAT SIGNAL.

3. IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT, IT IS A MATTER OF TIMING AND TACTICS. AS EMBASSY

NOTES, NEGATIVE (AND DEFENSIVE) SOVIET REACTION IS  
PREDICTABLE AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE NEW TEAM ON  
THE US SIDE SHOULD START OFF WITH THREATENING POSTURE.  
POLEMICS WILL BE HARD TO AVOID IF WE MAKE EXPLICIT  
THREATS, HOWEVER POLITELY PHRASED, AGAINST THE BACKGROUND  
OF EARLIER JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING DEFERRAL AT US  
INITIATIVE.

4. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT WE WILL AVOID CRITICISM OF  
PAST SOVIET SHORTCOMINGS OR FAIL TO MAKE CLEAR THAT NON-  
PRODUCTIVE PROJECTS WILL BE DROPPED. WE HAVE NO  
INTENTION OF COOPERATING FOR FORM'S SAKE ALONE AND WILL  
MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO FOLLOW THROUGH IN WEEKS AFTER JOINT  
COMMITTEE MEETING. OUR DECISION ON RENEWAL WILL TAKE INTO  
ACCOUNT SOVIET PERFORMANCE OVER SUCCEEDING MONTHS, AND  
SOVIETS WILL BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE ADVANCE WARNINGS IF  
TERMINATION BEGINS TO APPEAR WARRANTED BY LACK OF PROGRESS.  
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